Statement

Name of the Product	Name of the Bulk Drug concerned
Ildamen	Oxyfedrine Hcl
Duvadilan	Isoxuprine Hcl
Norpace	Disopyramide (as phosophate).

Production of Tetracycline

1620. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that Tetracycline is being indigenously produced and is also being imported;

(b) if so, what was the production of each producer of Tetracycline during the last three years, year-wise, along with the price fixed in respect of each producer and what was the quantity imported during the same period along with the average CIF price per Kg. each year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has abolished the retention and pool price system; and

(d) if so, how can an average price be fixed for the benefit of the consumer in the absence of pool fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of production and import to the extent available, are given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No 66]. A price of Rs. 971/- per kg. was fixed for Tetracycline Hcl. on 16-12-86.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A weighted average price for a bulk drug will be fixed taking into account the different prices fixed for different manufacturers in respect of that bulk drug on the basis of options exercised by them.

Joint venture for Hydrocarbon Exploration

1621. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has formulated any proposal to undertake a hydrocarbon exploration venture in Vietnam under the Indo-Vietnam Joint Commission for economic, scientific and technical cooperation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal provides for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Vietnam on the basis of a production sharing contract to be concluded between the two sides The exploration would be carried out by the Hydrocarbons India Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

Performance of State Electricity Boards

1622. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative performance of State Electricity Boards in various States in 1987-88 as compared to the previous year;

(b) whether there has been any improvement State-wise during the last six months; and